

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1           1. (currently amended) A cutting tool made of a hard  
2 metal or cermet cutting material for the machining of chromium-  
3 alloyed steel workpieces, with a carbide, nitride and/or  
4 carbonitride containing hard material phase and a binder phase of  
5 iron, cobalt and nickel, characterized in that [[,]] the binder  
6 phase ~~contains~~ consists of

7           10 mass % to 75 mass % Co,

8           10 mass % to 75 mass % Ni,

9           5 mass % to 30 mass % Cr,

10           > 20 mass % to 60 mass % Fe, ~~whereby the sum of the Co,~~  
11 ~~Ni, Cr and Fe does not exceed 100 mass %.~~

2 - 3. (canceled)

1           4. (currently amended) The hard metal or cermet cutting  
2 material tool according to claim 1, characterized in that, the C  
3 content in the cutting material is so adjusted that no  $\eta$ -phase and  
4 C-porosity is present.

1           5. (currently amended) The hard metal or cermet cutting  
2 material tool according to claim 1, characterized in that, the  
3 binder phase does not contain any hexagonal component.

1           6. (currently amended) The use of the hard metal or  
2 cermet cutting material tool according to claim 1 for the chip  
3 removal machining of chromium-containing steel-alloy workpieces ~~7~~  
4 ~~preferably of workpieces of chromium-containing alloys wherein a~~  
5 chromium content in the binder phase of the tool at most as great  
6 as a chromium content in the steel alloy of the workpiece.

7. (canceled)